

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed 04/13/2005. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Election/Restrictions

1. The Examiner has withdrawn claims 1-8 from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-8. In view of the Examiner's earlier restriction requirement, applicant retains the right to present claims 1-8 in a divisional application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

3. The Examiner rejects claims 9-11, 15-16, and 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Chadha (US 5,641,416).

Applicant has amended claims 9 and 20 to include subject matter the Examiner has indicated is allowable as discussed below.

Claim 10 is cancelled.

Re claims 11, 15-16, and 21, applicant relies on the patentability of the claims from which these claims depend to traverse the rejection without prejudice to any further basis for patentability of these claims based on the additional elements recited.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 9-11, 15-16, and 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Chadha (US 5,641,416).

4. The Examiner rejects claims 9-12, 14-22, and 24-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sharan (US 200510070095).

Applicant has amended claims 9 and 20 to include subject matter the Examiner has indicated is allowable as discussed below.

Claims 10, 17-19, 25, and 27-29 are cancelled.

Re claims 11-12, 14-16, 20-22, 24, 26, and 30, applicant relies on the patentability of the claims from which these claims depend to traverse the rejection without prejudice to any further basis for patentability of these claims based on the additional elements recited.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 9-12, 14-22, and 24-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sharan (US 200510070095).

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

6. The Examiner rejects claims 12-13 and 22-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chadha (US 5,641,416).

Claims 12-13 and 22 are cancelled.

Re claim 23, applicant relies on the patentability of the claims from which this claim depends to traverse the rejection without prejudice to any further basis for patentability of this claim based on the additional elements recited.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 12-13 and 22-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chadha.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. The Examiner objects to claims 19 and 29 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicates that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended independent claims 9 and 20 to include all of the limitations of dependent claims 19 and 29 and any intervening dependent claims and cancelled claims 17-19, 25, 27, and 29. Applicant respectfully requests that independent claims 1 and 11 and all claims that depend therefrom be allowed.

Claims 14-16 and 22 are amended to provide proper antecedence in view of the amendments to claims 9 and 20.

Applicant has amended and cancelled claims to expedite issuance of the allowable subject matter and retains the right to present the cancelled claims and additional claims in a further application.

Conclusion

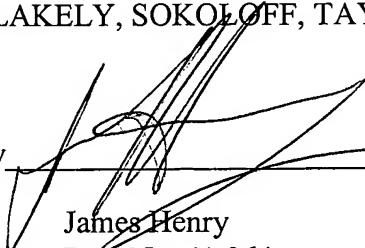
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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